

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Reference to Related Applications paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 as follows in marked-up form:

This application claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of United States Provisional Patent App. Ser. No. 60/115,786, filed January 13, 1999, entitled "Integrated Pump and Cannula Assembly." This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent App. Ser. No. 09/462,656, filed January 14, 2000, entitled "Transport Pump and Organ Stabilization Apparatus Including Related Methods," which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent App. Ser. No. 08/933,566, filed September 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,260.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 1 as follows in marked-up form:

The inner cannula 114 includes a proximal portion 128 and a distal portion 130 extending on either side of an intermediate portion 132 having flow ports ~~143~~ 134 formed therein. The pump 116 disposed within the inner cannula 114 may be of the same construction and operation as the pump 28 described above. As will be described in greater detail below, a drive shaft (not shown) extends from the rotor (not shown) disposed within the pump 116, through the intermediate and proximal portions 132, 128, for connection to a motor (not shown). The inner cannula 114 is dimensioned to be inserted into the outer cannula 112 such that the flow port 136 in the distal end of the distal portion 130 extends, in use, through and past an aperture 138 formed in the distal end of the curved distal portion 122. As shown in FIG. 19, the pump 116 will preferably be positioned such that the flow ports 134 are generally aligned with the flow ports 126 of the outer cannula 112. The pump 116 may then be selectively driven to transport fluid (i.e. blood) through the flow path defined between the flow ports 126, 136. The inner cannula 114 may be provided at its proximal end with a connector suitably sized to interface with any of controller and/or pumping arrangements. The length of the outer cannula 112 and the inner cannula 114 is application specific. In a CABG application, for example, the pulmonary artery is a destination into which blood may be returned into the patient from the pump system via the inner cannula 114, and the dimensions of the inner cannula 114 are selected accordingly.